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SUBJECT: AZERBAIJAN: PRESIDENT ALIYEV ON UPCOMING GAS  
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REF: BAKU 1720

Classified By: Ambassador Anne E. Derse, Reasons 1.4 (b,d)

1. (U) ACTION REQUEST: Please see Paragraph 10.

2. (C) SUMMARY: President Aliyev told the Ambassador on December 5 that he expected the December 8 Trilateral meeting of Energy Ministers in 7

3. (C) On December 5 the Ambassador met with President Aliyev and discussed both energy and press freedom issues (septel). Energyoff was notet  
Russian PM Fradkov Visit Readout

4. (C) Concerning the just concluded visit to Baku of Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov, Aliyev said that "nothing had changed" concernir  
5. (C) Aliyev said that Fradkov also proposed that Russia could help Azerbaijan in transporting its gas to third countries, although Aliyev tc  
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6. (C) The Ambassador said she knew that Aliyev had had a good discussion with DAS Bryza on energy issues in Minsk and with Georgian PM Noghai  
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Aliyev said he felt that "the Turkish approach was not sincere," and as such Azerbaijan and Georgia needed to coordinate tactics and strategy.

7. (C) The Ambassador said that the Georgians have been led to believe that the Turkish government is going to be more positive in the Decembe  
BP's Dangerous Game

8. (C) Aliyev said that BP could deliver more associated gas from the ACG field to Azerbaijan for domestic use, but that it was linking its cc  
9. (C) The President also mused that "we could cut the gas supply to Turkey" if need be. The Ambassador pointed out that this would be an extr  
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conjectured that Turkey could be under serious pressure from Russia.

10. ACTION REQUEST: Ambassador will meet with BP Azerbaijan President Bill Schrader December 8. Department's guidance, particularly informati